

## **DRAFT**

### **Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2020

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date:**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dennis Bork at 9:00am.

Members present pursuant to roll call: John Kriesel-EXCUSED, Mike Taylor, Dennis Bork, and Butch Schreiner. Dwight Ruff-entered at 10:05am.

Others present: Sheriff Michael Schmidtknecht, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer, Lieutenant Diane Mikelson, Melissa Brunner, Bruce Fuerbringer, Sonya Hansen, Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Sgt. Logan Olson and his family, and Officer Matt Prieur.

Public-None

Sheriff Schmidtknecht's presentation of awards to Patrol Sergeant Logan Olson for live saving efforts during an attempted suicide in December, 2019.

#4-Communications/Corrections pay differential: Mr. Prieur presented handout to committee showing a breakdown of an actual worked schedule from June to December 2019, the average payout (w/ benefits) for night-shift each month was \$630.69 x 12 months = \$7,568.28. Mr. Prieur reiterated it's not the intention to go back to working 8-hour shifts. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to move the request for night-shift pay differential forward to the next Human Resource Committee meeting, second by Mr. Ruff. Motion carried.

#5-Approval of November minutes. Motion by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

#6-Approval of paid bills: Motion by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

#7-2019 Year-end Budget: Currently, the law enforcement/jail budget is under budget about \$200,000. Not all bills are in. There was discussion of leased vehicles. If there is damage done to a leased vehicle, all repairs need to be done in order to get a good return on the sale, unlike a purchased vehicle.

Current expenditures: The adopted numbers are not posted yet so there is no accurate presentation of expenditures.

#9-COPS Grant: Sheriff advised the committee that both Alma and Cochrane-Fountain City School Districts have backed out of the funding. Grant application has been canceled.

#10 Chief Deputy Reports: At the end of November 2019, there were 585 Calls for Service, 28.25 hours of over-time, significant event of a 1-vehicle crash with vehicle submerged in body of water; at the end of December 2019, there was a total of 698 Calls for Service, 10 hours of over-time, and no significant events to report; at the end of January 2020, there was a total of 551 Calls for Service,

23.5 hours of over-time; significant events of a barricaded, mental health subject; seizure of close to 100 ecstasy pills, and an arrestee damaged the inside of a squad car.

Lieutenant Reports: Year to date bookings for December 2019 was 459, \$0.00 brought in by PPS; looking into discontinuing partnership with PPS collection service and starting service with SDC. There was a total of 40,046 incoming calls for 2019. Year to date bookings for January 2020 was 31, changes to the jail after the jail inspection included adding music channels to the jail TVs, and average daily inmate population was 12.52.

Sheriff's Report: Sold a squad in December for \$6,250.

#11 2019 Jail Inspection: Sheriff Schmidtknecht read the 2019 Jail Inspection summary report to the committee. No significant issues to report, however, a few things that the inspector would like to see addressed is to have a staffing analysis performed, an increase to the mental health services, exercise equipment for inmates, and the jail sergeant to train with the lieutenant.

#12-Emergency Management: Mr. Fuerbringer advised the committee that the 2019 budget should be at about 85%. The budget reads about \$1,000 over but, his revenues reimburse the budget.

Report: The Level B response is tabled for now. Mr. Fuerbringer was appointed to the WEM Web EOC Committee. There was approval for funding to update the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan, funding approved for the Homeland Security Incident Command System, and funding for development and implementation of a full-scale hazardous material incident exercise. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to approve the report, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Currently, the next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

11:10a.m. adjournment.

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Melissa Brunner, Secretary